

*These notes relate to the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019
(asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 25 July 2019*

PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2019

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

PART 3 – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Assessment of environmental effects

Section 24: Assessment of environmental effects

151. Section 40 of the 1997 Act gives the Scottish Ministers powers to make regulations about the assessment of environmental effects of any development before planning permission is granted. Section 24 of the Act amends section 40 so that “environmental effects” explicitly includes effects on biodiversity, including the net positive effects on biodiversity likely to result from the development.